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Local Matters.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERY.

Public Installation, and Social.
The officers of Washington Commandery No. 4, K. T., were publicly installed in the presence of a large number of the friends of the order on Wednesday evening last. The large hall in the new Masonic Temple was handsomely decorated with flags, bunting, Commandery and Lodge flags and banners. The lines were formed at 8 o'clock and the Commandery in full Templar costume was marched into the hall under command of the Captain General, William J. Cozzens. The eminent Commander was then received in a proper manner, after which the Grand officers of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, consisting of the Deputy Grand Commander, Edward L. Fromman of Central Falls; John P. Sanborn, Grand Capt. Gen.; Samuel G. Stiness of Pawtucket, Past Commander of Calvary Commandery of Providence; William H. Cotton, Past Commander of Washington Commandery, and Robert S. Franklin, Past Commander of Washington Commandery, as acting Grand Warder, were announced by the Grand Warder, and cordially welcomed by the eminent Commander. The exercises of installation were then proceeded with, being conducted by the Grand Captain General assisted by the eminent Grand Warder, Robert S. Franklin. The several officers were duly installed into their respective offices with appropriate ceremonies, which were very much enlivened by appropriate and beautiful music rendered by a double quartette consisting of Mr. DeBlais, Mrs. Davis, Misses Wetherell and Albro, Messrs. Galen Davis, H. C. Tilley, C. Hill, and W. Smith. Messrs. James H. Barney and J. Warren Andrews presided at the organ. After the installation brief addresses were made by Messrs. Freeman, Stiness, and Cotton. Refreshments were then served, after which came dancing which was participated in by a very large number. The exercises were brought to a close at an early hour and the general verdict seemed to be that it had been a pleasant evening. The committee who had the whole affair in charge were Messrs. O. G. Langley, chairman, W. J. Cozzens, secretary, Andrew K. McMahon, W. W. Marvel, David Stevens, T. R. Holmes and Thomas Burlingham.

A Pleasant Occasion.

Miss Bertha L. Williams, who holds with marked efficiency the "ad frame" on the Mercury completed her twentieth birthday on Thursday, and her associates of the office and a few of her many other friends concluded to assist her in the proper celebration of so important an event. With that object in view a party of some twenty couples assembled at her father's residence on Newport avenue where the first night of her 21st year was made merry with music, games and social converse. A pleasant feature of a substantial supper, which was served during the evening, was the breaking of a birthday cake which contained the mystic ring. This much coveted treasure fell to Miss Emily Scott, so that the composing room now expects to be called upon to celebrate a wedding before the end of the year. The party took their departure in the wee morn'g hours of morning, leaving their happy hosts their best wishes and numerous handsome and costly presents.

Councilman Myers, of the committee on Streets and Highways, and City Engineer Bentley and Street Commissioner Lawton went to New York Thursday for the purpose of purchasing steam drills, etc., to be used in tunneling under Ruggles' avenue for the new Ockre Point sewer. They will visit the tunnel now being constructed under the Harlem river and other works where these implements are being used before they make their purchase.

Miss Mary Martin, a teacher in the Lenthall School, is seriously ill at her residence on John street.

The Newport Historical Society.

The regular monthly meeting of this society was held Monday evening, when notwithstanding the inclement weather a goodly audience assembled at the rooms on Touro street to listen to a most excellent paper on the "Reminiscences of a California Forty-Niner," by Mr. James Burdick of Providence. The speaker, who had been one of the one hundred who sailed from Providence for the "land of gold" on board the ship South America in September, 1849, kept his audience interested for over an hour and at the close was given a unanimous vote of thanks.

Mr. R. H. Tilley, the society's efficient Secretary, was unanimously selected to represent the society's interest before the legislative finance committee in the matter of state appropriation on Thursday. On motion of Dr. H. E. Turner, the matter of publishing the Newport Historical Magazine, which has been temporarily abandoned for the want of support, was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Wm. P. Sheffield, J. M. K. Southwick, R. H. Tilley, C. E. Hammett, Jr., and Geo. W. Carr. Messrs. Thomas Galvin and Enos Hayward were elected members of the society, and Dr. H. R. Storer announced the following donations to the society: From A. B. Almon, a copy of the Acadian Recorder of Halifax, N. S., Jan. 10, 1813; and from Hiram Burlingham, passes admitting Mr. Benj. Brown and family within the lines at the Lovell Hospital at Portsmouth Grove, dated Sept. 13, 1862, and Jan. 11 and Oct. 20, 1863, and the "History of the Duchess of C." published in Newport, 1894, by O. Farnsworth.

The Half Hour Club.

There was an unusually large attendance at the Half Hour Club meeting on Thursday evening, when Mr. Isaac B. Burgess, one of the corps of teachers of the public schools, read a paper upon the life and labors of Horace Mann. The fact that Mr. Burgess held the undivided attention of the large audience for some forty minutes is a sufficient proof that the address was a most interesting one. The paper outlined the labors of Mr. Mann in the great field of education and without being fulsome in characterizing these it gave a very appreciative estimate of how great an obligation posterity is under to the great Massachusetts educator. Any synopsis of the paper, brief or lengthy, would fail in doing justice to it, and therefore, it is hoped that the suggestion of the president of the club, Mr. Littlefield, that it be given to the public in some form will be carried out. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Burgess for his able and instructive address. The miscellaneous portion of the programme was very interesting indeed. It included the reciting of extracts from Mann's writings by a number of former scholars of the public schools, a song by Mr. W. Cottrell, piano solos by Miss Stanhope, and readings by Miss Smith, Miss Jones and Mr. Carr. Refreshments followed and then congregational singing brought to a close one of the most interesting sessions of the season.

The Invasion of New Mexico and Arizona.

A very large and appreciative audience greeted Captain George H. Pettis, of Providence, on Wednesday evening at the meeting of Charles E. Lawton Post, No. 5, on the occasion of a most interesting and instructive lecture delivered by that gentleman. The subject was "The Confederate Invasion of New Mexico and Arizona in 1861-2," and the general verdict was that Commander Pettis handled it in a masterly manner. Captain Pettis has a very happy way of expressing himself and held the rapt attention of the audience during the entire delivery. The paper was published as number ten of the Century articles of the Civil War. The brave commander will deliver a lecture before Gen. G. K. Warren Post on the 6th proximo. At the Wednesday evening meeting the comrades, by a rising vote, passed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his able and instructive address.

Mrs. Betsey Greene, widow of the late Deacon James A. Greene and mother of Alderman Wm. G. Greene, John H. Greene and Mr. Augustus G. Greene, reached the wonderful age of 90 years on Tuesday of last week and was the recipient of numerous gifts and congratulations from relatives and friends. She enters upon her 91st year with excellent health and in full possession of all her faculties.

The Lenten services at Emmanuel church next week will be as follows: Sunday—morning prayer at 11 o'clock and evening prayer at 7:30; Tuesday—morning prayer and litany at 7:30; Friday—morning prayer and litany at 7:30; Saturday—vespers at 4 p. m.

Rev. Father Hall, an eminent divine of Boston, delivered an eloquent discourse, appropriate to the Lenten season, before a large audience at St. George's chapel Tuesday evening.

Unity Club.

Last Tuesday evening there was a closely-packed audience to hear the "Anonymous Essays" of the Unity Club members. There were musical items by the two Misses Crandall, and the evening's entertainment closed with chocolate and cake for all members and visitors present. The meeting was a very pleasant one, only rather unduly prolonged. The facts, as there were fifteen literary contributions to be read, it might have been better to have had two evenings, for the material was ample for two. The essays were well and appreciatively read by Mr. A. O'D Taylor and Doctor Squire. Those persons in the chief room heard everything; but probably in consequence of the chairman not having announced the usual ten minutes' recess for conversation, some of the audience in the adjacent rooms allowed their conversational powers to overflow during the reading of some of the papers, which prevented their immediate neighbors from hearing all of the contributions thoroughly. Without being invidious, it may be remarked that the most hearty approval seemed to be accorded to those essays in which the element of humor predominated; notably, to the "Reminiscences of a Redwood Library Fly," "The Cruise of the Lobscouse," "The Last Chapter," and "Lays of Modern Newport." But there were several superior to some of these in merit and reach of thought, which of course passed by with less attention before a mixed audience, whose leading desire was naturally for amusement. A story, laid in Newport, and founded on certain curious hypnotic phenomena, was remarkably well written, and created much interest. Its title was "Doctor Bine's Pupil." On the whole the contributions were superior to any previous "Anonymous Essay Evening" of the Unity Club, with the exception of the first effort in 1885 on "Experiences." Many were the guesses as to what ladies and gentlemen wrote, but nobody knew, not even the officers of the club, who read them. This element of mystery, of course, added to the piquancy of the evening. The following is a list of all the papers submitted and read on Tuesday evening, with the names de plume of the unknown authors attached:

- No. 1. The Cruise of the Lobscouse; a tale of mystery and wonder, by "An Elderly Maiden Lady."
- No. 2. Coasting (a poem), by "Mizzle."
- No. 3. On the Mountain Top (a poem), by "Neddy."
- No. 4. Still Unsettled, or the Confessions of a Fossilifer, by "Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."
- No. 5. Reminiscences of a Redwood Library Fly, by "Museum Librarian."
- No. 6. Over the Ice and Snow, (a song), by "Henry."
- No. 7. Fashion, by "H. A. D."
- No. 8. The Original Homes of the Aryans, by "The Car."
- No. 9. Some advice to the younger members of the club, by "an Elder Member of the Club."
- No. 10. The Last Chapter, by "Jump Jim Crow."
- No. 11. The School Marrow's Vacation (a poem), by "The Blue Heron."
- No. 12. A Legend of Purgatory (a poem), by "Medicine Man."
- No. 13. Dr. Bine's Pupil (a tale of Hypnotism), by "Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."
- No. 14. The Experiment (1st chapter of a novel), by "Pomona."
- No. 15. Lays of Modern Newport (a poem), by "T. B. Macaulay, Jr."

Washington's Birthday was appropriately observed in Newport Tuesday. The postoffice, public schools and banks were closed; flags were flying from public and private buildings and from the several vessels in the harbor. The Newport Artillery Company, Col. J. W. Horton commanding, made a street parade in the morning and a detachment fired the national salute at noon. Special exercises, appropriate to the occasion, were held on board the naval schoolship New Hampshire. Washington Commandery, K. T., held a public installation and social at Masonic Temple in the evening.

Some two hundred of our citizens made an excursion to Providence last Sunday morning by special boat, the attraction being the ruins of the Theatre Comique and Washington street fires. They started on their homeward trip just as the fire in Daniels & Cornell Block had got well under way.

Mr. Charles A. Treagar has returned from a two months visit to his old home in Germany. His wife whom he left in her usual good health died quite suddenly last week, after he had started on his homeward trip, and he was in ignorance of his great loss until he reached New York.

The residence of Mr. Charles Bowman, at the corner of Thames and South Baptist streets, was visited by the police on Saturday, and a half-barrel of beer and some whiskey were secured. A similar visit with similar results was made on Sunday to the residence of Mr. H. T. Harvey on Marsh street.

Mrs. Abby, wife of Mr. Alfred Barker of this city, died quite suddenly of pneumonia on Tuesday, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Lacey, in Brooklyn, where she was visiting for the winter. She was a most estimable, christian lady and will be greatly missed by a host of Newport friends.

Rev. Mr. Groton, of Westerly, preached an eloquent sermon at Emmanuel church Tuesday evening, from the text, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Rhode Island Army Officers.

The following, compiled from the official Army Register for 1888, gives the relative rank and name of all officers now in the U. S. Army, who were born in Rhode Island:

- Col. George L. Andrews, 25th Infantry.
- Col. Frank Wheaton, 2d Infantry.
- Col. Zenas B. Bliss, 24th Infantry.
- Col. Jas. B. M. Potter, retired.
- Lieut. Col. Benjamin C. Card, Jr. Mr. Dep't.
- Major William P. Gould, retired.
- Major Philip W. Stanhope, retired.
- Capt. Sam'l F. Cushing, Sub. Dep't.
- Capt. Wm. H. Bishop, 4th Infantry.
- Capt. Chas. Wheaton, 23d Infantry.
- Capt. Benj. H. Rodgers, 15th Inf'y.
- Capt. Thomas F. Tobey, 14th Inf'y.
- Capt. John Pittman, Ordnance Dep't.
- Capt. Carroll H. Potter, 18th Inf'y.
- Capt. Marlborough C. Wyeth, Medical Dep't.
- Capt. Charles H. Greene, 17th Inf'y.
- Capt. Richard G. Shaw, 1st Artillery.
- Capt. William Ennis, 4th Artillery.
- 1st Lieut. William F. Stewart, 4th Artillery.
- 1st Lieut. Thomas B. Briggs, retired.
- 1st Lieut. Benjamin H. Randolph, 3d Artillery.
- 1st Lieut. Charles L. Hodges, 25th Infantry.
- 1st Lieut. Wm. J. Turner, 2d Inf'y.
- 1st Lieut. Albert Todd, 1st Artillery.
- 1st Lieut. Geo. Andrews, 25th Inf'y.
- 1st Lieut. Robert F. Ames, 5th Inf'y.
- 1st Lieut. Carver Hamilton, 4th Infantry.
- 1st Lieut. Charles W. Abbott, Jr., 12th Infantry.
- 2d Lieut. Edwin P. Pendleton, 23d Infantry.
- 2d Lieut. Alvarado M. Fuller, 2d Cavalry.
- 2d Lieut. Lymon W. V. Kennon, 6th Infantry.
- 2d Lieut. George W. Gatchell, 4th Artillery.

In addition, the following officers were appointed from Rhode Island, although not born there:

- Col. Thomas L. Casey, Corps of Engineers.
- Captain William H. Walcott, retired.
- Captain Harry C. Cushing, 4th Artillery.
- 1st Lieut. Charles D. Parkhurst, 4th Artillery.
- 1st Lieut. Richard E. Thompson, 6th Infantry.
- 2d Lieut. Charles B. Vogdes, 1st Infantry.

*Appointed from Rhode Island.
†Graduates U. S. Military Academy.

No Kickers There.

(One of our local poets and a proxy neighbor were recently engaged in an earnest discussion over the difference between a "monument" and a "memorial" when the following lines unconsciously fell from the talk pocket of the former and were brought to this office to await identification.)
I hope to go to the realms above, when I lie down to die;
I hope that choir of glad in white, will greet my wandering eye.
I know that I'll be filled with joy, in regions free from care,
For angels tell me in my sleep, there are no kickers there.
Though rugged be the Jasper paves, no soul will dare complain;
Though sunlight shines the ages through, no crinkles may be seen;
Though crowns be half a size too small, no seraphs fear their hair;
And all joy above, because there are no kickers there.
The music may be out of tune, no one will hold his ears;
The robes may not be tailor-made, there'll be no moans or tears;
The sandals may be often worn, none ask a better pair;
For glory to the Lord of Hosts! there are no kickers there.

And when the select council call for paving on the street,
The man who gets the contract may work on-ward swift and fleet;
No spirits will injunctious bring, nor cranks will croakers wear;
The felons above are free from clumps, there are no kickers there.
Then take me from this vale of tears, where cranks come to the front,
Where men who never work or toil still lie around or grout;
I long to wear celestial robes and climb the golden stair;
For well I know that in those lands there are no kickers there.

The National Bank of Rhode Island, which has been located in Cottrell's Block during the extensive alterations and improvements to their building opposite the postoffice, expect to get back to their old quarters the first of next week. When settled, they will have one of the best appointed banking houses to be found in New England.

Messrs. F. P. Garretson & Co., of Newport and New York, have opened a large branch establishment in Providence and are meeting with most encouraging success. Mr. John Burdick, who was at the Newport store during the past summer, has been transferred to this branch and has removed his family to that city.

The Newport Artillery Company propose making their coming annual inspection a grand social event. It will probably be held either in Masonic Temple or Music Hall and be followed by a social and dance. The State officers as yet have named no date and until they do of course no definite arrangements can be made.

Rev. H. N. Jeter, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, has closed a very interesting series of special religious meetings which has lasted six weeks. The subject of Rev. Mr. Jeter's discourse at to-morrow evening's service will be "The Nature of the Christian Life."

Schooner Carl D. Lathrop, of this port, Capt. Robert Gill, arrived at Mobile, 2d inst. from Los Palmas, Canary Islands. Mrs. Gill accompanied her husband on the voyage.

Mrs. Genham, a sister of Councilman Myers of this city, is seriously ill in Brooklyn from pneumonia.

CITY COUNCIL.

Special Meeting Tuesday Evening.—The Budget Finally Agreed Upon After a Three-Hour Session.—The Swill Question Continued to To-night.

Another special meeting of the City Council, for the consideration of the Finance budget was held according to adjournment Tuesday evening, when the members of the two bodies assembled in their respective chambers for the third time this month. While the report of the Finance Committee and its revised edition of the budget was occupying the attention of the Common Council the Board of Aldermen resolved itself into the Board of Health for the further consideration of the vexed question of collecting and disposing of the city's swill and house offal. Messrs. Greene, Hamilton and Burdick, who were appointed at the last meeting a special committee to enquire into and report upon the locations proposed by Mr. Thurston and Mr. Willbour for the reception of the swill, reported recommending that all bids for collecting as well as for the reception of the swill be rejected and new ones be advertised for. The report was read and received and a resolution carrying out these recommendations was offered and its passage moved by Mr. Hamilton as chairman of the committee. Mr. Newton said that the report and the resolution were all wrong. He had not opposed the reception of the former, as of itself it could do no harm, but the resolution he should certainly object to. The previous committee had in accordance with their instructions advertised for proposals for collecting the swill and house offal of the several wards of the city and these bids had been made in good faith and by responsible parties, and we, as a Board of Health, neither criticised nor found fault with these bids at the previous meeting when they were opened for consideration. The only question that had arisen at that time was in regard to the reception of the swill; Mr. Thurston had made an offer to collect and dispose of the refuse collected from the several wards of the city for \$800 and Mr. Willbour had made a like offer for \$500. A question arose—and it was the only question—in regard to the locations selected by these two men for the deposit, I saying at the time that if Mr. Thurston's offered greater security against the possibility of a nuisance than Mr. Willbour's the difference of \$300 should have no weight with the Board's action. And it was to ascertain which of the two men mentioned offered the best location that the committee, which has just reported, was appointed, and this alone; thus this committee exceeded its power when it embodied in its report any other matter than that upon which it was instructed to report. A resolution of this kind from any member of this Board would, of course, be perfectly proper, as by the advertisement was retained the right to reject any or all bids, but coming from a committee appointed for a special work which did not include the matter of collecting the swill in any way, it is certainly all wrong; and, as that committee comprises one-half the entire Board it cannot help prejudicing the action of the Board. The reason for this action on the part of the committee I understand is—and I ask, as Mr. Thurston is present, what he has to say in regard to this?—that the committee was called upon to report on the bids, and now I ask, what is the justice in the Board's throwing out all these bids simply because one man neglected to bid, especially after that man's attention had been called to the matter? I say there is not and can not be; it is alike unfair to the bidders and to the city of Newport that we should annul what has been done and advertise again.

Mr. Hamilton referred to the trouble experienced in getting the swill carted for last year and said that the city had been in a quandary in this regard ever since; the contractors had kindly agreed to continue in the collection and care for the swill, even at a loss to themselves, until permanent arrangements could be made. The only practical place for disposing of the swill which he suggested himself to the committee was in the city of Providence, and he called upon him, after which he put in his bid; after his offer, had been made known other bids were asked for, and I think it would be unfair to exclude him from a fair competition with the others. I admit my personal preference is for the old contractors, in the matter of collecting.

The committee, said Mr. Newton, have investigated the two locations offered as places of deposit for the swill. We can easily decide between the two and settle upon the matter of collection to-night. It is the sentiment of this Board that the present contractors should be re-engaged, even though their bids be higher than some others, then let them have it, but let us settle this question here and now.

Mr. Burdick explained that Mr. Newton was wrong in regard to what was due the bidders. He (Burdick) had been a contractor for thirty years and had always found it customary to throw up all bids, where the figures of one bidder had been made public before the other bids were in, and advertise over again. Mr. Newton said that the only person whose bid had been received and made public was Mr. Thurston, whose offer was made before bids were advertised for and who had his attention called to the matter when bids were called for. Even in his case, Mr. Newton added, the bid was but for one ward, the 4th, and I would like to ask why all the wards should be thrown out. After a few moments waiting, nobody vouchsafing the desired explanation, Mr. Newton called for an aye and may vote upon the resolution. It was as follows: Ayes—Messrs. Hamilton, McAdam, Barker, Greene, Burdick; nays—Mr. Newton.

While the aldermen were thus occupied as a Board of Health the Common Council was no less busy with the unfortunate budget, the text of which had taken \$1000 off the fire department, \$1000 off the highways and \$500 off the street lighting, and added \$600 to the public schools. Capt.

Waters thought to reduce the fire department's appropriation \$1500 most unwise, especially in view of the recent heavy fires in other parts of the state, and urged that if cutting be necessary it be made in the appropriation for schools. Mr. Hammett, as chairman of the Finance committee, explained that even with the cut, as Capt. Waters called it, the fire department was given \$1500 more than was voted by that department last year and thought that the figures recommended should be considered in the light of an increase rather than a reduction. An aye and nay vote on the passage of the ordinance resulted in a tie of 7 to 7, as follows, one member being absent—Ayes, Mr. President Read, Messrs. Young, Marsh, Barker, Myers, Scott and Hammett; 7. Nays, Messrs. Pike, Lawton, Waters, Austin, Hazard, Boyie and Lynch; 7.

Mr. Boyle then moved to amend by taking \$200 off the schools and giving it to the fire department, saying that last year, with the unusually small number of fires, was not a fair criterion for basing the wants of the department. Mr. Young explained that the chief of the fire department had pronounced the department thoroughly well equipped in every respect and could consequently be run at less expense even than last year, and President Read had understood the chief of the department could be managed this year on \$10,000. Capt. Waters doubted the chief's ever making so wild an assertion; the committee had asked for an increased appropriation and he, as chairman of that committee, had expected an appropriation of \$21,000 at least. He hoped the schools would be cut and the money given to the fire department where it would be of some benefit. Capt. Scott favored the ordinance as reported. The amendment was lost by a tie vote and a motion then made by Capt. Waters to refer the matter back to the Finance committee was lost by a tie vote. Capt. Waters then moved to make the schools appropriation \$41,000 which was done by a vote of 8 to 6, and the motions of Mr. Newton and Mr. Barker, to divide the \$2000 thus secured equally between the highway and fire departments, were also carried by the same vote. The budget, thus amended, went to the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Newton thought that that Board should sustain the Finance committee's report and added that, personally, he would rather \$2,000 should come off the highway department than that the schools should be crippled. Mr. Barker could see no way of economizing in the running of the schools, and any reduction would necessitate the giving of the schools for a portion of the year, or, what was more probable, the neglecting of needed repairs to the school property, in which latter case the city would certainly be the loser in the end, for every \$100 neglected in repairs this year means \$200 next, "And," said he, "to my certain knowledge it would have been economy to have used \$1000 in this year more than has been used." Mr. McAdam thought that, after the light which had been given on this matter, there should be no hesitation in giving the schools all they asked. Personally, he very much doubted the right of the City Council to refuse to give the School Board what they pronounced necessary to run the schools; the School Board was elected by the people with the understanding that they should conduct the schools in accordance with their best judgment for the city's expense, and when they show the City Council that they require so much money that money ought to be forthcoming.

Mr. Newton then moved an amendment, taking \$1000 each from the fire and highway departments and giving it back to the schools. This motion prevailed, Messrs. Greene and Hamilton alone voting no, but the Common Council insisted upon its previous vote, and the upper Board called for a committee of conference. This committee reported, after a brief absence, inability to agree, and Mr. Newton, calling the Mayor's attention to the fact that the two members of the committee from that Board had voted against the amendment, asked for another conference by a new committee. The motion prevailed and Messrs. Burdick and Barker from the Board of Aldermen with the same three gentlemen from the Common Council, retired for a conference. After remaining out until 10:05 this committee returned the same report as had their predecessors. Mr. Newton then moved to amend the ordinance by taking \$2000 from the highway department and adding it to the schools and thus amended, the budget was adopted by both bodies as follows:

State Tax	\$41,262 52
Streets and Highways	103,228 40
Public Schools	42,000 00
Fire Department	19,200 00
Water and Police	24,000 00
Salaries	20,680 00
Lighting Streets	28,500 00
City Asylum	5,500 00
Paupers and Vagrants	1,200 00
Parks and Public Property	4,500 00
Water Supply	10,300 00
Hotel, Stationery, etc.	2,500 00
Board of Health	1,000 00
Removal of House Offal	5,200 00
Watering Streets	5,500 00
Gravel	1,200 00
Ward Meetings	600 00
Sinking Fund	7,500 00
Deposits and Interest	10,000 00
Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial	2,000 00
Incidentals	750 00
Main Sewer Appropriation	96,338 01
Overdraft	11,164 54
Total	\$493,536 52
Deduct cash in City Treasury	103,228 40
Grand Total	\$390,308 12

The applications of R. W. Atwater for a pool table license, and of Miller & Freeburn, for a circus license, were referred to Chief of Police. The hack drivers license of Sherman Brown was revoked. In joint convention Henry E. Turner, Jr., was unanimously elected a State constable under the State law, and the present measurers and surveyors of lumber were elected for another year.

The Common Council adjourned to the first Tuesday evening in March and the Board of Aldermen to this evening when they will meet as a Board of Health to further consider the swill question.

Mr. T. M. Seabury, 2d, of Springfield, Mass., is spending a few days with his parents in this city.

Mrs. R. Burch, of Utica, N. Y., is in town, the guest of her father, Mr. S. T. Hubbard.

COAL.

Just discharged from Schooner James C. Clifford, 600 tons extra bed Ash Coal.

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CITY BRIEFS.

Notings of Newport and Newporters.

Mr. Thomas F. Cushing, of Newport and Boston, has been in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Atherton have been in town this week.

Councilman T. J. O'Neill returned from a brief visit to the national capital on Wednesday.

Mr. Samuel Gyles of this city, who recently went to Texas for the winter, is reported seriously ill in Galveston.

P. H. Morgan has sold his estate on Thames street, near the gas works, to Richard and Ann Reynolds for \$1, etc.

Mr. John R. Caswell, of Caswell, Massey & Co., has been in town during the past week.

Mr. J. Edward Bliss, the mail carrier, gave a progressive euchre party, on Thursday evening, at his residence on Touro street.

Miss Eleanor Winslow, who figured as a great belle in Newport society last season, sailed for Europe on Saturday, accompanied by her mother and sister.

Mr. John C. Stoddard who has been ill for some weeks is improving and his many friends hope to see him about again before many days.

Mrs. J. W. Haven one of our well known cottagers and a sister of Mr. John N. A. Griswold, recently died at her New York residence.

Mr. Samuel H. Clarke of this city is a small loser by the late fire in Providence. He had a broker's office in the Daniels & Cornell building.

The familiar figure of Mr. Charles Pinard, the enterer, upon our streets is a gentle reminder that summer is coming.

Mayor Fowler and Mr. Jero I. Greene, of this city, have been elected President and Vice President, respectively, of the 9th R. I. Regiment Veteran Association, for the year ensuing.

Our esteemed townsman, Capt. James Horswell completed his 88th birthday last Monday, hale and hearty. We congratulate the captain and wish him many happy returns.

The remains of Mr. John Travers, son of the late Wm. R. Travers, who died in New York recently, were brought here on Thursday and interred in the family lot in the Island Cemetery.

DeBlais Hunter & Eldridge have rented the store 145 Bellevue avenue, Abram's Block, to Miss L. Thurn of New York, and the "Whitehall" to Kazanjian & Co., for the season of 1888.

Miss Sarah Remington, a most estimable lady, died very suddenly Sunday morning at her residence on Bay View avenue of heart trouble. With the exception of a severe cold she had been in her usual health up to within a few hours of her death. She was in the 72d year of her age.

Newport Medical Society.

This society has elected the following as its board of officers for the ensuing year: President—F. M. Nankin. Vice President—F. P. Barker. Secretary—Mary Baldwin. Treasurer—Henry Reynolds, Jr. Librarian—T. A. Koseoff. Curator—Stephen H. Starr.

The Mercury.

JOHN T. SANDERS, Editor and Proprietor
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The Democrats in Portland, Me., must be decidedly demoralized when they nominate Gen. Neal Dow, a life-long prohibitionist and opponent of the Democratic party, for mayor.

"The Portland Advertiser (Rep.) suggests that Republican sentiment in New England might well concentrate upon Gen. Hawley for President." We quite agree with the Advertiser.

The National House of Representatives has refused to submit a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the Presidential term to April 30, 1890. The vote stood 120 in favor and 128 against. It requires a two-thirds vote to submit the question.

The government appears to be making a strong case against Stahl and Cromwell, the two men now on trial for the murder of Barron, of the Dexter, Me., bank. Several witnesses have positively identified them as the persons seen in Dexter on the day of the murder. Their attempt to prove an alibi will probably be of no avail.

The annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of New York, was held in Albany, February 7th. The Albany Journal, in its account of the meeting, says, "Grand Chaplain Murray delivered his annual address. It treated of astronomy and was one of the most beautiful discourses ever heard in the chapter."

The third party prohibitionists held their convention in Providence Wednesday and nominated Geo. W. Gould, of North Providence, for Governor, Capt. Henry D. Scott, of Newport, for Lieutenant Governor, John T. Blodgett, of Providence, for Attorney General, A. B. Chadey, of North Kingston, for General Treasurer, and Frederick A. Warner, of Bristol, for Secretary of State. There was a full convention and Newport was well represented. The members of the State Central Committee for Newport County are Michael Butler, Rev. J. W. Willett, E. G. Macomber, Wm. Sisson, and William B. Franklin. The Newport County members to the National Prohibition Convention are Joshua C. Brown delegate and H. D. Scott alternate.

An election has lately been held in Michigan to fill a vacancy in Congress, and the free-trade papers, like the Daily News and Providence Journal, are jubilant over it. They have drawn several columns of lessons from it because a protection Republican was only elected by some five hundred majority, when his predecessor had 8000. They tell us that this is all owing to the tariff reform feeling that is rapidly growing in the West, and that soon there will be none but "tariff reformers" left. This is a beautiful argument, but the underpinning is very quickly knocked from it, when the public is informed that the Democratic opponent of the successful Republican candidate is the more pronounced protectionist of the two. The reduction of the majority is entirely due to other causes, principally to the inclemency of the weather, which caused a very small vote to be cast.

The young Democracy held a love feast in Providence on Wednesday. There was a large gathering present, among the number being Gov. Davis, Lieut. Gov. Hoxey and the rest of the State officers of that persuasion, and Charles Acton Ives of Newport. Mr. Ives seemed to be the principal man on that auspicious occasion for he made two speeches while the rest were only invited to make one. The report says, "Charles Acton Ives, Esq., of Newport, was persuaded to make another speech, and he predicted that in that city, which was such a stronghold of Toryism and Republicanism, would be found in a year or two a Democratic majority as a result of the seed sown by the Independents. To-day the more progressive, thoughtful men, were Democrats, and not those falling back on reminiscences. He was confident that in the near future Newport would be a Democratic town beyond all doubt." There are sometimes false prophets. Time may show that Mr. Ives belongs to that class.

If President Cleveland should write a letter declining to be a candidate for renomination, would the press of the country fall to arguing whether he really meant what he said? Would the general opinion be that he had written it as a blind? Not much. President Cleveland has a reputation for being honest, straightforward, outspoken. "Tell the truth" was not an accidental utterance of his. It was and is his habit. [Boston Globe.]

"Of the means to this end (the full realization of a government by the people) no one would, in my judgment, be more effective than an amendment to the constitution disqualifying the President from re-election. When we consider the patronage of this great office, the allurements of power, the temptations to relax public place once gained, and, more than all, the inevitability a party finds in an incumbent when a horde of office-holders, with a zeal born of benefits received, and fostered by the hope of favors yet to come, stand ready to aid with money and trained political service, we recognize in the eligibility of the President for re-election a most serious danger to that calm, deliberate and intelligent political action which must characterize a government by the people." [Cleveland in his letter of acceptance in 1884.]

Does the Globe for our moment believe that President Cleveland meant what he said at that time? Or that President Cleveland will act upon the advice of candidate Cleveland and decline a second nomination to the Presidency? Not much. The Globe would much prefer to take the President's language in a Pickwickian sense.

The Fishery Treaty.

The fisheries treaty is doomed to defeat. It suited nobody in New England but the Providence Journal. That paper sees in it as every measure approved by this administration nothing but good. It says its "good sense and fairness will commend themselves to every American citizen who is patriotic enough to prefer the well-fare of the nation to the advancement of political partisan interests." That was written as a hit at the Republican party which the paper well knew would not support such a one-sided, unfair agreement, wherein the United States surrendered rights that had never been disputed by the English or Canadian Government and got nothing in return, but the Journal supposed of course that the Democrats would swallow it because a Democratic President urged it. But it has since learned its mistake. Judge Charles Levi Woodbury of Massachusetts, probably one of the most learned men in the Democratic party in New England, struck the keynote when he said:

"The treaty is a more shameful surrender in the day of our national power than was that of 1818, extorted in the time of our national weakness and peril, making no indemnity for past outrages; and the senate would cover the United States with shame while it ratifies these articles of capitulation to the power whose conduct the late Secretary Manning declared was brutal. I fear it is a sad mistake."

Richard Spofford, another life long Democrat, says:

"The treaty offers no indemnity for the spoliation of 1880 on our trade and vessels. It surrenders fishing rights guaranteed us by other treaties. It gives our flag or our fishermen no new advantage. It admits the Canadians had the right and we the wrong in the past discussions. It not only concedes and cancels our commercial rights, but robs the United States of large and valuable fishing areas both in bays and deep seas. I think God that the American senate is still extant and no inconceivable part of the treaty-making power."

Yet the Providence Journal, which is getting to be a more un-American paper than even the British organ in New York, the New York Times, thinks the treaty is a just and equitable one. It is safe to say, however, that the U. S. Senate will not ratify such a treaty, notwithstanding the earnest request of President Cleveland and the Journal that they shall do so at once.

Another Large Fire in Providence.

The third large fire in Providence within past five days occurred Sunday on the very scene of the disastrous conflagration of 1877. The Daniels building on Custom House street was burned. The loss is estimated at \$248,000, and insurance \$205,000. The fifth floor was burned over and the roof fell on it at about 7:30 o'clock. One fireman was suffocated in the third story and taken home in a carriage, and another man, not a fireman, had a serious fall in attempting to shut off a gas connection. The occupants of the fifth floor were J. A. & R. A. Reid, printers, the other occupants of the Daniels building suffered the rest of the total loss in amounts of from \$1000 to \$3000, and many of them were uncovered.

The Lebanon mills, owned and run by Edward Thayer, situated about three miles out of Pawtucket to the northeast, was burned the same night, and the old mill and water house were totally destroyed. The loss was \$150,000, and the insurance was about \$98,000.

The excitement about Providence that night was intense. Hundreds of people from out of town had come in to view the remains of Wednesday night's big fire, and thousands of people surged against the ropes about the Daniels building. When the sky was lighted up to the northeast and it was learned that the Lebanon mills were afire in Pawtucket, the excitement increased, and when two hours later the private box of the Riverside mills sounded a double alarm, and another alarm was rung from a box in the vicinity, the crowd became tremendously uneasy. The fire at the Riverside was only in the waste wool house, which was destroyed, but it lit up the sky. The loss is \$5000, and is covered by insurance.

The Theatre Comique and the Telegraph House, in Providence, were burned about midnight of Friday, Feb. 17. The loss will amount to about \$25,000, and is distributed among the owner of the property, the lessees, and the actors and actresses who lost their costumes.

The Chalkstone avenue primary and intermediate school house, in Providence, was burned Thursday afternoon, Feb. 16.

The Providence Telegram which always stands by its own, does not believe that the innocent and lamb-like liquor dealers in East Greenwich desired or intended to harm Rev. Mr. Still or Lawyer Allen. It thinks that they put a half pound more or less of arsenic in Mr. Allen's well and blew in one side of Mr. Still's house just to "frighten them a little." It was a gentle way to "frighten" people it must be confessed.

The Democratic State Convention is to be held on the 18th of March, when the old State ticket will probably be renominated, and delegates will be chosen to the Democratic National Convention to be held in St. Louis on June 5th. It is understood that Hon. Isaac Bell is coming home to head the State delegation to the National Convention.

An attempt was made Thursday to fire the large wooden building on Sprague street in Providence, formerly owned by the Sprague Manufacturing Co. for the manufacture of mowing machines. The fire was discovered in season to prevent any serious disaster. The attempt at a conflagration was probably the work of boys.

Marine Items.

Our Taunton neighbors are credited with owning the finest and best coasting fleet of large schooners in the United States, or for that matter in any country, but they are not yet satisfied, as the following item will show:

"Wm. B. Church, of Taunton, has decided to build a five masted schooner, to cost about \$70,000, and Rogers of Bath, will probably do the work. The schooner will be of about 3000 tons burden, and will be steered by steam. Four of her masts will probably be of Oregon pine, 115 feet long, the longest sticks ever used on this coast and which were brought to Bath for the schooner Sarah W. Lawrence, of Taunton, but arrived too late to be used. The vessel will be eight feet between decks, instead of six, as the other Taunton vessels are, the idea being to strengthen the lower part of the vessel by placing the knees lower down." This is the biggest yet, but they seem to make it pay. We hear of one of the fleet paying for herself in a little over one year, and of another paying 75 per cent in eighteen months.

The steamer James H. Freeman, formerly engaged in the fruit trade between Boston and the West Indies, and recently sold to parties in San Francisco, is being fitted at the latter port, for a whaling cruise in the Arctic coming season.

The bark Morning Star, Capt. King, which sailed from New Bedford, Sept. 17, 1883, was reported at St. Helena January 7th, having taken 2380 lbs. sperm, 2200 lbs. whale oil and 5000 lbs. whale bone. This is a big catch, and not heard of often in these days.

Death of Geo. H. Corliss.

One of Rhode Island's most prominent citizens, Mr. Geo. H. Corliss, died in Providence on Tuesday last of paralysis of the heart. Mr. Corliss came to Providence when a young man without means, and has worked his way to the foremost position among business men and manufacturers of the nation. His steam engines are known and used in every quarter of the globe where steam is applied to mechanical purposes. He was in the 71st year of his age at the time of his death.

The Democratic House of Representatives of the General Assembly are considering and will pass a proposed amendment to our state Constitution abolishing the fifth article of amendment, the one forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

News in Brief.

In the Senate Monday Mr. Blair presented a number of petitions demanding the protection of women. The fisheries treaty was considered in secret session. The house refused, by a vote of 129 yeas, 128 nays (not the necessary two thirds in the affirmative), to pass the Hoar joint resolution changing the date of inauguration day and extending until April 30, 1889, the term of the 60th congress. The answer of the secretary of war to the Boutelle battle-field resolution was received.

It is alleged that a large force of Russian troops is being hastened toward Kischineff.

The snow-storms in England and France are of extraordinary violence.

Josef Hofmann, the young piano virtuoso, has broken down and his engagements are cancelled.

The victims by the Mt. Vernon 70, cyclone number 35 killed and 70 injured.

A second strike in the Schuylkill mining regions is threatened because of alleged discriminations by the Reading company against strikers returning to work.

A committee of state senators began in New York yesterday an investigation of trusts and similar organizations. The trial of Stain and Cromwell began at Bangor, Me., Monday.

The plates of Sunset Cox's work, "Three Decades of Federal Legislation," which were thought to be destroyed in the fire Sunday night in the Reids' printing house in Providence are found to be safe. There is also a large edition of the work in Boston binderies. The "Picturesque Washington" plates are all right.

Mr. Harveymeyer refused to answer certain questions put by the investigation Tuesday and will, it is said, be reported "in contempt."

The sentiment at Gloucester, as well as at Washington, is that the new fishery treaty is a failure. Commissioner Putnam thinks differently.

By an explosion of dynamite at Duluth 18 men were injured, 8 fatally, Wednesday.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland were given a beautiful reception at Jacksonville, Fla.; Wednesday.

A statue of Sergeant Jasper was unveiled in Savannah, Wednesday.

The damage by the flood in Western Massachusetts is greater than was first stated.

Secretary Whitney aspires to be governor of New York.

The Democratic national convention will meet June 5 in St. Louis.

Hon. Oliver Pillsbury, insurance commissioner of New Hampshire died Wednesday.

An eloping uncle and niece from Michigan, upon being jailed in Ohio Wednesday, committed suicide.

A Hotel Fire in Hartford.

Fire broke out early Tuesday morning in a basement of the Allen House, Hartford, which at one time threatened serious results, but good work on the part of the fire department prevented greater danger to the inmates. The fire ran up in the partitions on the side of the hotel to the upper stories and filled the servants' quarters with smoke, but the police rescued the inmates and all were soon in places of safety. Their quarters, as well as other parts of the hotel, were more damaged by water than by fire.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Dull Week at the Capital—Mr. Blaine's Retirement from the Presidency—General Sheridan's Birthplace Troubling the Politicians—Republican Candidates at the Blair Educational Bill—Prohibition at the Capital—The Permanent Exhibition Schemes, Etc.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20th, 1888.

The record of the week in Congress is not so interesting as it should have been. Our lawmakers managed to go through with routine duties each day with diligence, only interspersing them here and there with a little real work for conscience sake, while much of their time was on political gossip, ill-health and President making.

The retirement of Mr. Blaine's from the Presidential race has not yet died out here, and several Senatorial and other aspirants for Presidential honors have had booms this week in consequence of the way having been opened more freely for them by his famous letter of declination.

In this connection General Sheridan's name is mentioned as among the likely ones, and the question as to his eligibility is just now attracting a good deal of public attention. A cousin of "Little Phil" says he was born in Ireland, within a few yards of his relative's house. General Sheridan himself says he was born in New York, N. Y. The General's mother declares he was born in Somerset, Ohio. The records of the War department credit him to the same state, and the General's brother, Col. M. V. Sheridan, says he doesn't know where he was born, and that he won't be questioned about it.

It is said that there is a good deal more in General Sheridan's prospective candidacy than appears on the surface. It is said his friends who are interested in it are hiding their time, with a view of giving him an enthusiastic send-off, probably about the time his memoirs are issued, which will be in the coming spring. On the other hand "Little Phil" says that he will not take the Presidency as a gift, and in that he is doubtless sincere. Sheridan like Sherman does not hanker after political honors.

Mr. Blaine's letter has had the effect of what might be termed the Republican leaders, and Republican Senators, to the prevalence of Presidential aspirations, in that end of the Capitol, are not disposed to express opinions or make predictions as to the nomination. Among those who may be mentioned as candidates for the Presidency are Senator Sherman, who makes no concealment of his ambition to head the national ticket of his party. Senator Hawley will not work for the nomination, but if his party believes him to be the man for the occasion, he, like Barkis, "is willing." Senator Evans has friends and admirers who maintain that he could carry New York, and of late Senator Hisscock has been boomed as the man who could rally the Republicans of the Empire State and lend his party to victory. It is claimed that Senator Culver's Interstate bill has made him popular with the masses, and that he is a favorite in Western circles, where a Western candidate is demanded. The name of Senator Ingalls, the President of the Senate, who is admired for his brilliancy, is favorably mentioned, and Senator Allison is the choice of Mr. Blaine, who would exert all of his influence in behalf of the candidate from Iowa. Senator Edmunds is the favorite of the country's call, and Sumner is the favorite of the Senate, and Frye, of Maine, who is the champion of temperance in the Senate, is spoken of as the man who could bring back to the Republican fold all who have strayed off after prohibition.

The most important measure passed by the Senate during the week was the Blair Educational bill, which the House will probably dispose of some time in March.

The President and party will start tomorrow about noon, by special train, for a week's trip to Florida. The Senators, Representatives and others who are going by the same invitation, will start on the regular train an hour earlier than that which carries the President.

Saturday was prohibition day at the Capitol. A two hours' hearing was given to arguments on the Platt bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia by the Senate Committee. Among those who spoke in favor of the bill were Miss Francis Willard, Miss Ballenbender, National Superintendent of Legislation and petitions, of the W. C. T. U., Judge Moulton, of this city, who is attorney for the W. C. T. U., and Senator Riddleberger, who declared himself a prohibitionist of long standing. The latter said he wanted to see the bill reported favorably to the Senate for the fun of the thing. Among those who spoke against the measure was Dr. Mary Walker, who said it would be as easy to compel the women of Washington by law to adopt the dress reform in which she had led, and to discard skirts for pantaloons, as to suppress the liquor traffic by law.

The National Board of Promotion of the Washington Permanent Exposition has 315 members, representing forty-six States and Territories. The proposed exhibition will be conducted by a commission acting entirely under Government supervision, and appointed by the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Italy has expressed her intention of participating in the celebration of the great historical event, the quadricentennial of the discovery of America, and the Government of Spain has just taken official action looking towards cordial co-operation with America.

J. B.

Outrage in East Greenwich.

On Sunday morning last at a very early hour the people of the village of East Greenwich were startled from their slumbers by a loud explosion. It was soon discovered that some dastardly wretch had attempted to blow up the residence of the Rev. Mr. Still, the Baptist clergyman of that place and a man who had been very active in prosecuting the illegal liquor selling. The attempt had succeeded so far as to break several windows of the house, displace the front steps and do some other slight damage. Fortunately no one was injured. Immediately following this came the report that an attempt had been made to poison the family of S. K. W. Allen, a prominent lawyer of that town, and an earnest temperance worker, by putting arsenic in the well. The dastardly attempt was discovered in season to prevent fatal consequences, but enough poison had been thrown into the well to poison the whole village. Naturally these outrages have aroused the indignation of all law-abiding citizens. The Governor has offered a reward of \$500 for the conviction of the villainous and the prosecution of the law-breakers is to be carried on more vigorously than ever.

T. M. C. A. Entertainment.

Of the novel and entertaining treat prepared for those attending this course in the description of India and its people which will be given next Tuesday, Feb. 28, the following testimonials are a partial indication.

"All our congregations were delighted."—(T. De Witt Talmadge.)

"I cordially endorse SAU-ABRAH."—(Dr. John R. Paxton.)

"Sau-Ab-Bras entertains all, even the children."—(Mr. Fulton, Brooklyn, N. Y.)

"I know Sau-Ab-Bras, in Cambridge, his entertainments are superb."—(Mr. Boyd, St. Louis.)

"Even the children enjoy it as well as the old people."—(Philadelphia Press.)

"It is like a visit to India itself."—(St. Louis Globe.)

"Like one traveling in India."—(Madison Democrat.)

"Sau-Ab-Bras is an adept at making his evening pleasant. The second night brings always a larger attendance than the first, when there is room to increase."—(Nashville American.)

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Grand Sight-Seeing Trip to the Pacific Coast.

For seven years past Messrs. Raymond & Whitcomb's annual spring tour to California have been exceedingly popular. Four years ago a trip through Oregon, the Puget Sound Country, and other sections of the Pacific Northwest was added. Two excursions are announced for the approaching spring. One party will leave Boston April 25 and journey through Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, the return being via Salt Lake City, the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, Mountain Springs and Denver. The second party, leaving May 3, will follow the same route to and through California, then diverging northward to the newly opened Mount Shasta route, with visits to Portland, Idaho City, Taunua, Seattle, Victoria, etc. The return trip will be over the entire length of the Northern Pacific Railway, with a side trip of a week through the Yellowstone National Park, and later visits to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Both parties will travel in magnificent trains of vestibuled Pullman palace cars, with a dining-car included in each train. In addition to these trips it will be seen that there are other excursions in the winter season to California, one more tour through Mexico, and two trips to Washington (March 9 and 20). Descriptive circulars may be obtained of W. Raymond, 221 Washington street, opposite State street, Boston. Persons sending by mail should designate the tour regarding which they desire information.

Mr. John E. Develin, of New York, of the law firm of Develin & Miller, died on Thursday. He had many friends and admirers in this city. Mr. Develin was the leader of the County Democracy.

The Cleveland members of the Democratic National Committee met the day on Thursday. The Convention will be held in St. Louis and on the 5th of June.

Marriages.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st, 1888, by Rev. S. W. Stevens, at the residence of the bride's father, John and Mary A. Riley, aged 18 years, 11 months, and 11 days.

In Jamestown, 20th inst., by Rev. G. B. Smith, Mr. Frank R. Latham, of New Shoreham, and Miss Ida Abby Latham, of Jamestown.

In Rehoboth, 19th inst., by Rev. George H. Tilton, Mr. Frank C. Horton and Amanda M. Nichols, both of Rehoboth.

Deaths.

In this city, 19th inst., Mrs. Sarah Remington.

In this city, 19th inst., Mary Ellen, daughter of John and Mary A. Riley, aged 18 years, 11 months, and 11 days.

In this city, 20th inst., Mary B. widow of the late John W. Keirley, aged 84 years and 2 months.

In this city, 21st inst., John, son of Oliver and Mary Bewick, in the 35th year of his age.

In this city, 21st inst., Hannah B., daughter of the late William and Hannah Spouner.

At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Lacey, 120 Ransom street, Brooklyn, N. Y., 21st inst., Abby, wife of Alfred Barker, of this city.

In this city, 21st inst., Sarah Ann Bowen, aged 55 years, 3 months and 4 days.

In this city, 24th inst., Reba, daughter of Albert Augustus and Mrs. Elizabeth Grabiner, aged 1 year and 2 months.

In Jamestown, 18th inst., Elizabeth A. Stanhope, widow of the late George W. Stanhope.

In Tiverton, 16th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, aged 60.

In Providence, 21st inst., George H. Corliss, aged 71 years. Mr. Corliss was the father of George C. Corliss, 16th inst., Joseph Anthony, 17th inst., Sigal A., wife of William J. Corliss, 18th inst., Sarah Ann, wife of Paul B. Wright, 69, 17th inst., George Iyer, 75, 19th inst., Mattie M., wife of Rev. H. U. Munro, and daughter of Eliza F. and the late George L. Barnes, 30th inst., Elizabeth L., wife of Stephen Correll, 73 years.

In Burrillville, 17th inst., Mrs. Jennie Gleason, widow of the late George W. Stanhope.

In Warren, 20th inst., William Luther, in his 73d year.

In East Providence, 16th inst., Harriet, widow of Harvey Ripley, in her 75th year.

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